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Complaints against local forest officials in Cuddapah district.

* 245 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation, dated 8th August 1952, from the villagers of Mittaneedipalle, Cuddapah district, was received by the Government complaining about the 'atrocities' of local forest officials; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A copy of a petition, dated 8th August 1952, addressed to the District Forest Officer, Cuddapah South Division, was received by the Government. It has been ascertained that the District Forest Officer, Cuddapah South Division, who received the original petition, enquired into the allegations contained in the petition and has come to the conclusion that the petition has been the outcome of detection of a forest offence in which some of the signatories to the petition were involved. No action was taken by Government."

11-10 a.m. SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the allegations contained in the petitions were enquired into. What were the allegations that where enquired into and what were the allegations that were not enquired into? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, the allegations were that when the petitioners were driving their cattle home after grazing them in the forest, the forest guards and others wanted to drive the cattle into the pound. The other allegation was, the day after that, during the enquiry, these petitioners were beaten by the policemen, and the policemen and the guards were drunk. All the allegations were enquired into and found to be incorrect."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that this is a kind of allegation which is not peculiar to the particular place but similar things are happening . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Similar allegations are made . . ."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Not allegations, but similar things are happening throughout the State. Will the Hon. Minister issue instructions to see that these things do not happen and also see that the forest guards do not violate the laws of the Government themselves, by drinking too much." (Laughter.)

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, indeed the Government are anxious to see that the rules framed by the Government are obeyed by the servants of the Government."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ allegations ను enquire చేశారని చెబుతున్నారు. ఎవరు enquire చేశారు. ప్రజల సాక్ష్యం తీసుకొన్నారా? లేకపోతే departmental enquiry తో తృప్తి చెందారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The allegation was that the policemen and the forest guards were drunk. On hearing that, the Superintendent of Police asked the Circle Inspector of Police to take all the people on the very same day to the District Medical Officer to see whether they were drunk. On examination, it was found that they were not drunk."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" ఇట్టి complaints ను నివారించడానికి తగ్గించడానికి రైతుల మధ్య, ఫారెస్టు ఉద్యోగుల మధ్య రైసాకా కమిటీని ఏర్పాటు చేయదలచారా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It will be considered, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Allegations ఎప్పుడు చేశినారు ? వాటిని ఎప్పుడు enquire చేశారు ? విచారణ జరిగిన ఎన్ని గంటలకు వారిని డాక్టరు వద్దకు తీసుకొనివచ్చారు ? ఎన్ని గంటలకు డాక్టరు వారిని పరీక్షించి త్రాగలేదని చెప్పారు ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I cannot give exactly the hour when these things took place. When the enquiry was going on, a complaint was made to the Superintendent of Police and he sent the policemen and the forest guards with the Circle Inspector of Police to the District Medical Officer, to find out whether they were drunk. The very same day, before nightfall, the District Medical Officer examined these people and found that they were not drunk."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was pleased to say that the men against whom the allegations were made, were examined by the District Medical Officer and found that they were not drunk. When was the allegation made that they were drunk? Was there a long interval between the time when the allegation was made and their actual examination and on what basis did the Medical Officer come to the conclusion that they were not drunk even though it might have taken a long time for the actual examination? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" On the same day while the enquiry was going on, the Circle Inspector was sent for and asked to take these people to the District Medical Officer, for examination. How the Medical Officer came to the conclusion that the people were not drunk, I think the hon. Member must address that question to the Medical Officer. The hon. Member seems to know better about it than myself."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May I add, Sir, that the suggestion of the interpellating hon. Member is that we should always assume that people were drunk as soon as the allegation is made."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Without assuming anything, Sir, unless there is reasonable basis, may I ask, whether the Hon. Minister can tell me how long will the effects of drunkenness be on the man." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question again is an elementary proposition as to the burden of proof. When it is charged that any man is out of order in his behaviour, the burden of proof is on those who allege, and if you are not able to produce evidence, it does not mean that we should presume that the allegation is true."

American 'Hallet' Pumpsets.

* 246 *Q.*—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many American "Hallet" pumpsets were purchased in the years 1948–49, 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52 and from whom;

(*b*) whether they were purchased with the necessary spare parts;

(*c*) whether the importers have the necessary original and genuine spare parts for the pumpsets supplied to the Government;

(*d*) how many engines are in working order; how many are condemned; and what is the life of the engine supplied when compared to other makes available in the market; and

(*e*) how many Petter Kirloskar sets were purchased and what is the cost of each set?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) One-hundred and six numbers of American "Hallet" engines (96 numbers of 8-h.p. units and 10 of 18-h.p. units) were purchased by the Agricultural department in the year 1949–50 for hiring to ryots. There were no purchases of this make either previous or subsequent to this.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No. As the repairs to the engines are carried out in the mufassal then and there when they fall into disrepair, it is not possible to give the number of engines in working order at any time. No engine has so far been condemned. The life of these engines is eight years as in the case of other makes.

" (*e*) Fifty (50) numbers of AV. 2 Petter/Kirloskar sets of 6-h.p. were acquired during 1950–51 for hiring out to ryots, at a cost of Rs. 2,620 each exclusive of sales tax."

Housing Scheme at Madanapalle.

* 247 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Housing Scheme at Madanapalle was taken up by the Co-operative department;